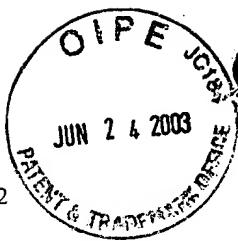


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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 26, 2003, in which the three month shortened statutory period for responding runs to June 26, 2003, reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following:

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 1-16 and 25-51. ✓ ✓ ✓

Please amend the claims in the manner indicated below. A marked up copy of the claims is attached hereto as "APPENDIX A - MARKED UP CLAIMS".

Please amend claim 17, as follows:

17 (Amended). A method for performing a startup session to establish a high speed communication session, comprising: